

**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/691,968
Filing Date	October 24, 2003
First Named Inventor	Smith et al.
Group Art Unit	3739
Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.
Attorney Docket Number	01107.0019U1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other *****
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other *****

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37. C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ***** months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other *****

3. **Fees**

- a. ☐ Check in the amount of \$***** enclosed for the fees designated below.
- b. ☒ Payment by credit card in the amount of **\$465.00** for the fees designated below. (VIA EFS WEB).
WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.
- c. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$**** for the fees designated below to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.
- d. ☒ Fees
- ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- ☐ Other *****
- e. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Anthony J. DeVale, Jr.	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	50,349
Signature		Date	May 27, 2008

CERTIFICATE OF ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence, including any items indicated as attached or included, is being transmitted via electronic transmission via EFS-Web on the date indicated below.

Name of Person Mailing (Print/Type)	Anthony J. DeVale, Jr.	Date	May 27, 2008
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